

## LETTERS†

### Concerning Inactive Duty Training: Medical Department Reserve Officers.

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HEADQUARTERS NORTHERN CALIFORNIA MILITARY DISTRICT  
PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

October 28, 1941.

*Subject: Inactive Duty Training, Medical Department Officers, 1941-42.*

To All Medical, Dental, Veterinary, Sanitary and Medical Administrative Officers in the Northern California Military District.

1. In keeping with the policy of the War Department, for inactive duty training, during the school year 1941-42, all medical department reserve officers are enjoined to participate with the view in mind to increase their military knowledge. In this connection attention is invited to the fact that the Combined East and West Bay Special Medical School meets once a month:

Place: Building 612 (usual classroom) Presidio of San Francisco, California.

Date: Third Tuesday of each month.

Hours: 7:30 p. m. to 9:30 p. m.

2. Programs are arranged in advance, and excellent speakers are obtained. Lecture, conference and applicatory methods are used and from time to time visual methods are also employed. In these days of national emergency no officer concerned can afford to miss the available instructions.

3. Due consideration has been given to your busy personal program; however, today military obligations have priority. Concerned officers not yet called to active duty should set aside without fail the evening of the *third Tuesday* of each month for the 1941-42 school year, and officers now on active duty who can attend without interfering with their duties are cordially invited to be present.

(Signed) HAROLD R. HENNESSY,  
Major, Medical Corps Unit Instructor.

### Concerning California Laws in re Foreign Medical Graduates.\*

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BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS: STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
San Francisco, California,  
October 7, 1941.

Yours of October 3, re Dr. ———, Foreign Medical School Graduate.

Dear Doctor:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter written in behalf of Dr. ———, who you state is a graduate of a medical college in Czecho-Slovakia.

The 1941 legislature passed Chapter 751, Statutes 1941, wherein, among other requirements exacted of foreign medical school graduates, is one reading in part as follows:

"If the applicant is not a citizen of the United States (it will be necessary for him to show satisfactory evidence that) the country in which he has been admitted to practice medicine and surgery will admit to practice therein citizens of the United States, upon proof of prior admission to practice medicine and surgery in some state of

the United States, or upon proof of matters similar to those required in this section for graduates of foreign medical schools."

If Dr. ——— is able to show satisfactory evidence of the requirements mentioned above, it will then be necessary for him to complete a one-year rotating internship in a hospital approved for the training of interns anywhere in the United States.

Trusting that this is the information you desire, believe me

Very truly yours,

C. B. PINKHAM, M. D.,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

### Concerning Official Agencies in Civilian Defense.\*

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Executive Office of the President  
OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
OFFICE OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE  
233 Sansome Street, San Francisco  
Telephone: EXbrook 2751

October 1, 1941.

*To the Editor:*—I am enclosing a copy of Doctor Baehr's letter and the joint statement of the Office of Civilian Defense and the Red Cross. We would appreciate your printing any or all of it in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE. Doctor Baehr thought the second paragraph of his letter, without the introductory phrase, would be sufficient, but you can use your own judgment. Use as much or as little of it as you see fit.

Your outline of the Los Angeles preparedness for disaster interests me a great deal. I feel that I could profitably study their plan with the thought in mind that much of it might be adopted by other cities. Doctor Baehr was of the same opinion and has requested that I make a full report on the Los Angeles plan. Perhaps you could advise me who I should see there to direct my study. I would appreciate any help you can give me in this matter.

Cordially,

(Signed) WALLACE D. HUNT, M. D.,  
Regional Medical Officer.

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OFFICE OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 22, 1941.

To Chairmen, State Defense Councils  
Attention: Health and Medical Committees

Numerous requests have been received by the Medical Division of the Office of Civilian Defense from Health and Medical Committees of state and local defense councils for a definition of the rôle of Red Cross Chapters in the local program. The enclosed statement, issued jointly on September 4 by the U. S. Director of Civilian Defense and the Chairman of the American National Red Cross, supplies this information. I would request that this joint statement be transmitted to your local defense councils and local Chiefs of Emergency Medical Service.

According to this statement, the state and local defense councils are the official agencies responsible for the coordination of all available resources which may be required for civilian protection in the event of belligerent action. Defense councils should, therefore, acquaint themselves with the resources of the local Red Cross Chapters in providing food, clothing, shelter, nursing care, transportation, and other basic necessities and should integrate them into the comprehensive local program. Duplication of trained and experienced personnel and of available supplies

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\* Editor's Note: The Board of Medical Examiners of the State of California issues a leaflet (Form 173) with "Instructions to Graduates of Foreign Medical Schools."

\* For editorial comment, see page 226.